Impact of Unresolved Trauma on Addiction and Imbalance

A DAY FOR PREVENTION UNDERSTAND, ENGAGE, ACT.

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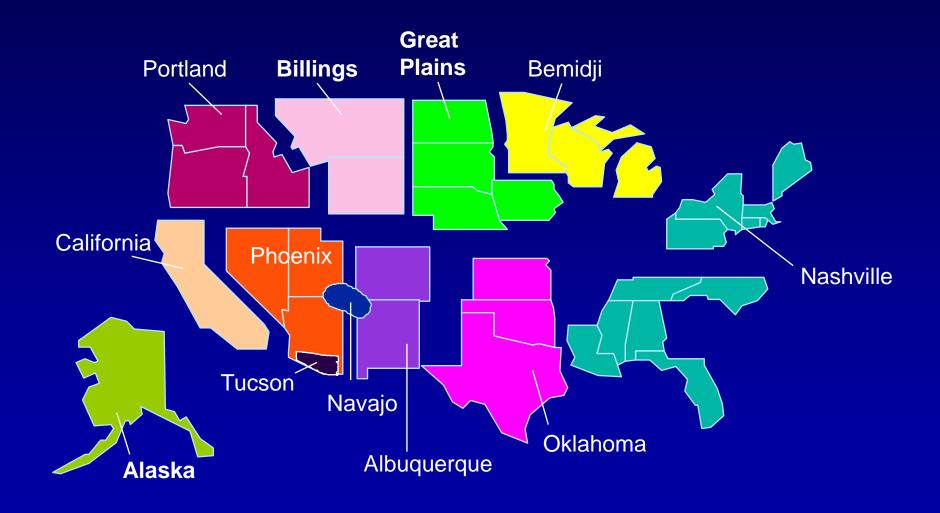
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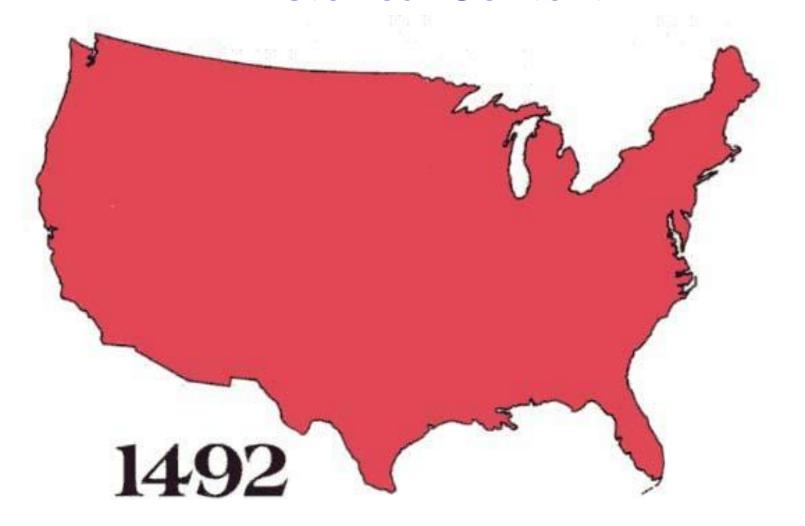


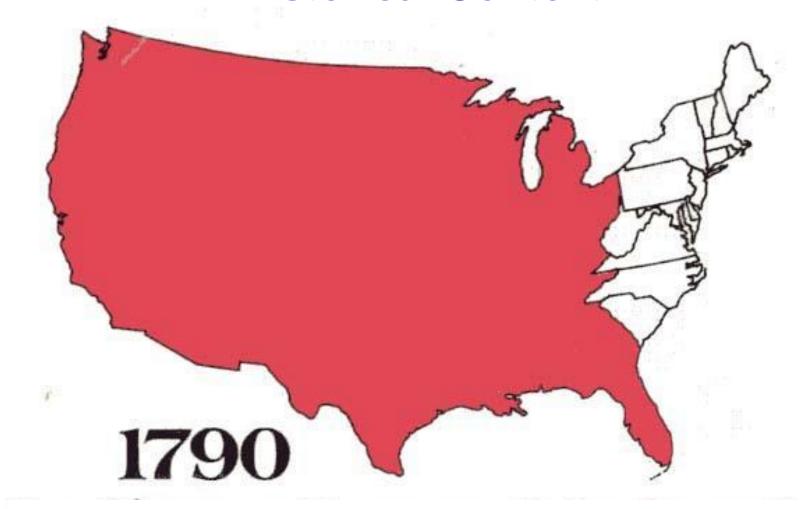
A BRIEF HISTORY OF MEDICINE

- •2000BC—Here, eat this root
- •1000AD—That root is heathen, here say this prayer
- •1800AD—That prayer is superstition, here drink this potion
- •1900AD—That potion is snake oil, here swallow this pill
- •1950AD—That pill is ineffective, here take this antibiotic
- •2000AD—That antibiotic is artificial, here eat this root

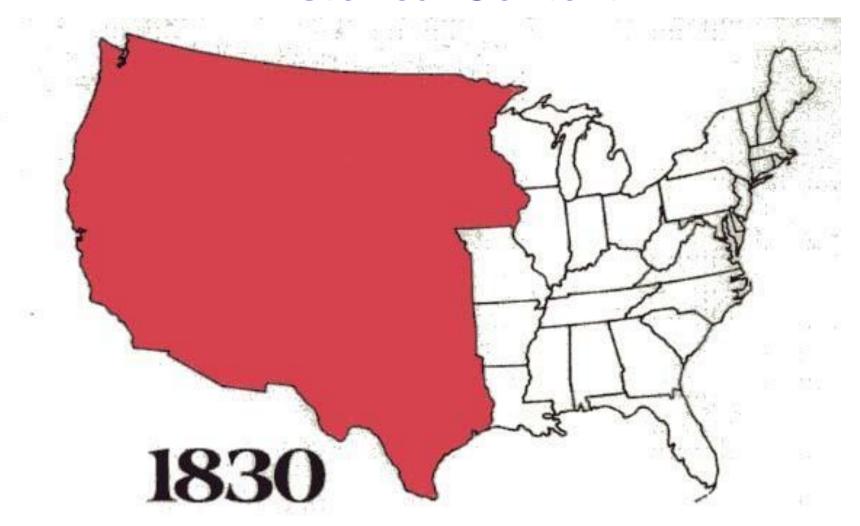
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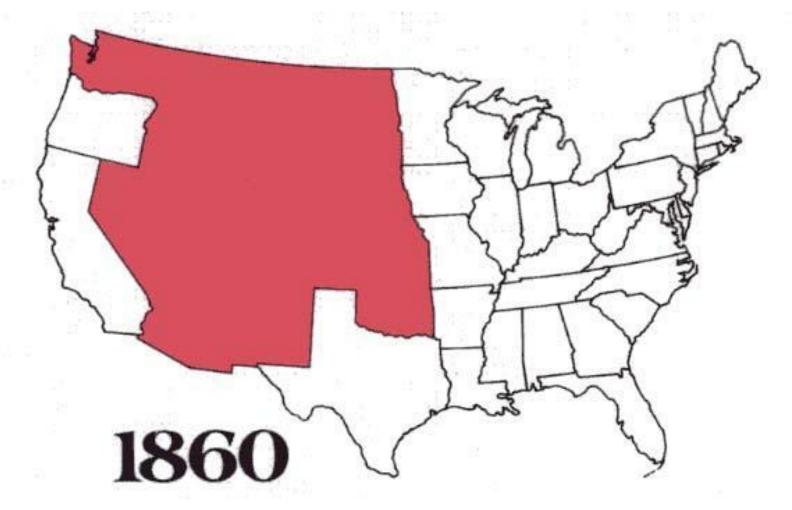




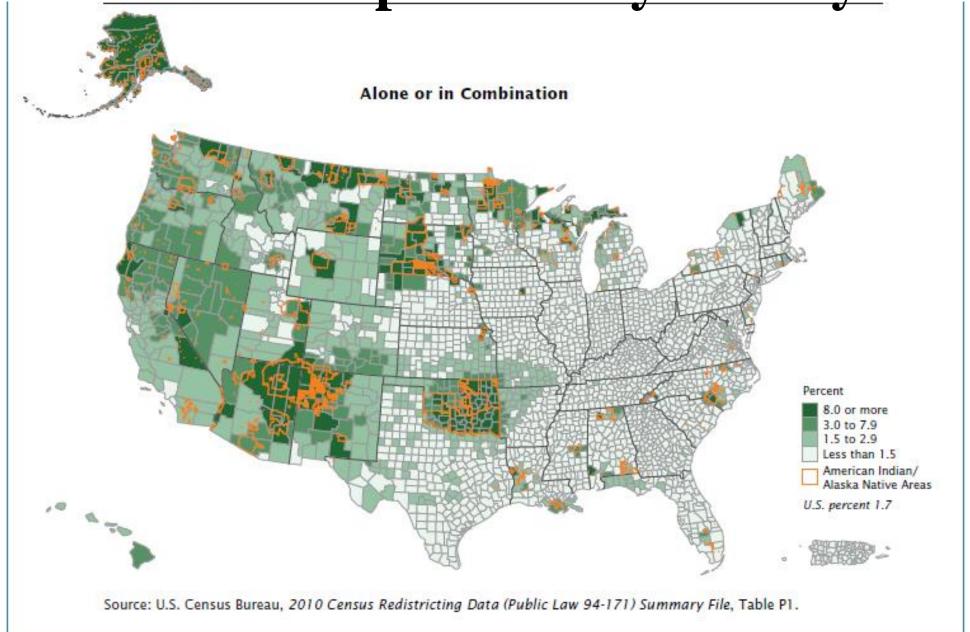




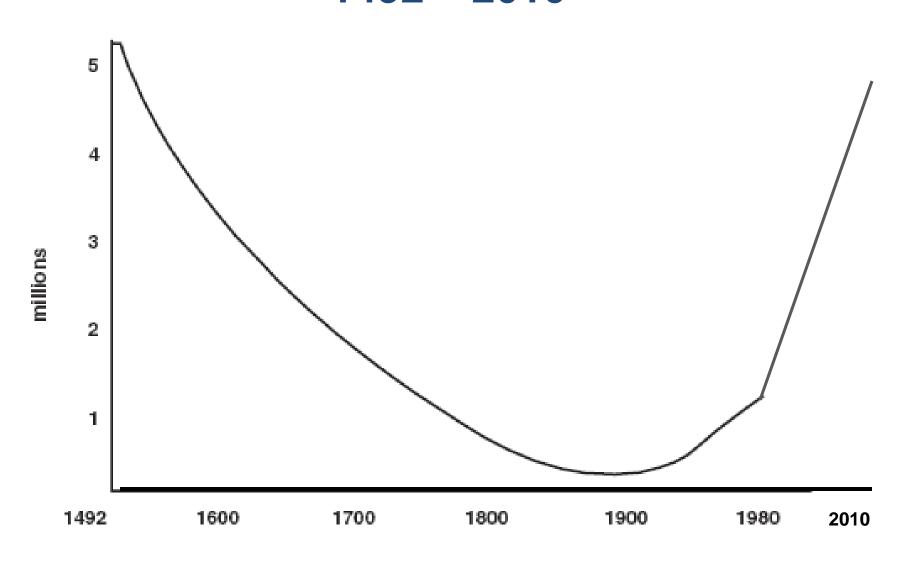




AI/AN Population by County



Al/AN Population Decline and Recovery, 1492 – 2010



Historical trauma is the collective emotional wounding across generations that results from massive cataclysmic events – Historically Traumatic Events (HTE)*



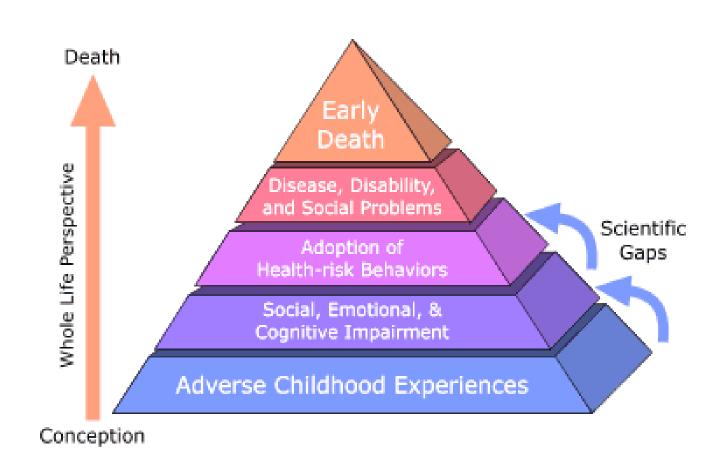
The trauma is held personally and transmitted over generations.
Thus, even family members who have not directly experienced the trauma can feel the effects of the event generations later

Epigenetics

 Epigenetics refers to the study of changes in the regulation of gene activity and expression that are not dependent on DNA sequence.



ACE Study Pyramid



Impact of ACEs on Health

ACES can have lasting effects on....



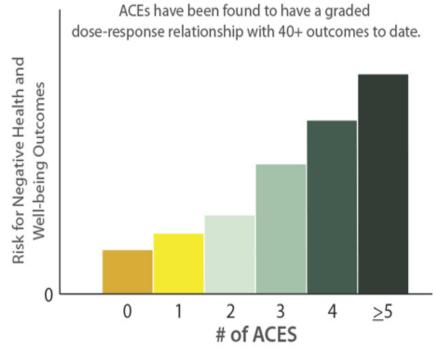
Health (obesity, diabetes, depression, suicide attempts, STDs, heart disease, cancer, stroke, COPD, broken bones)



Behaviors (smoking, alcoholism, drug use)



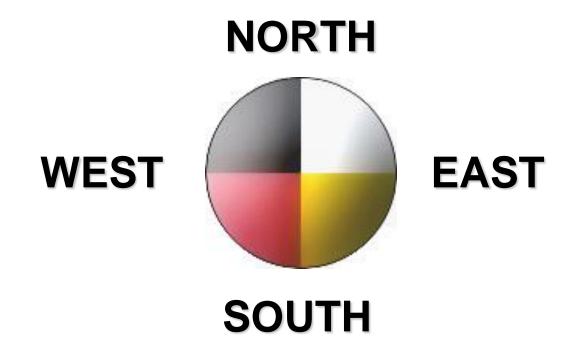
Life Potential (graduation rates, academic achievement, lost time from work)

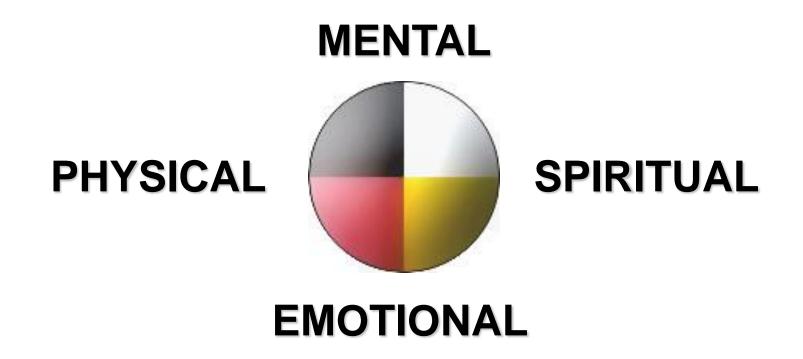


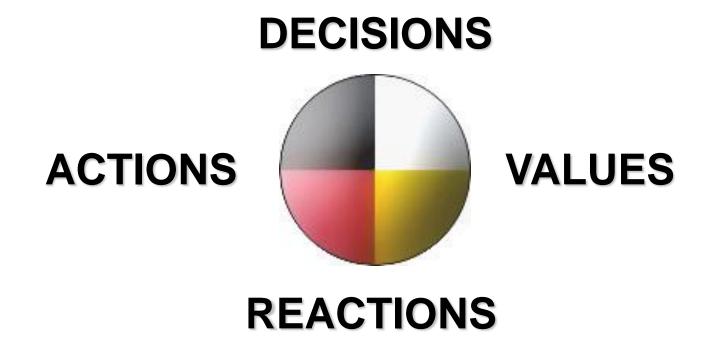
*This pattern holds for the 40+ outcomes, but the exact risk values vary depending on the outcome.



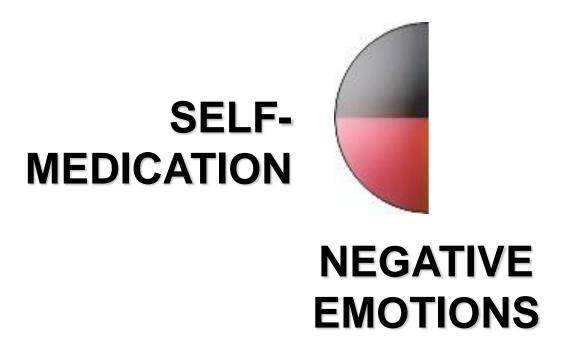


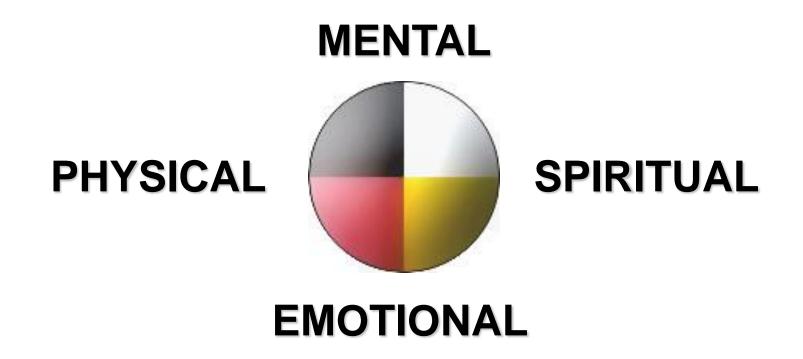


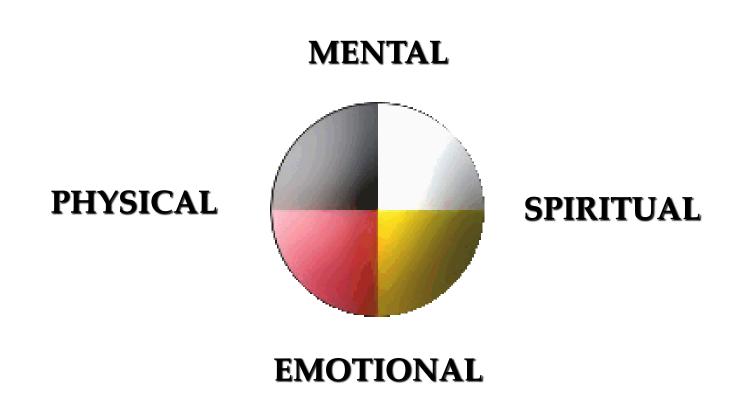


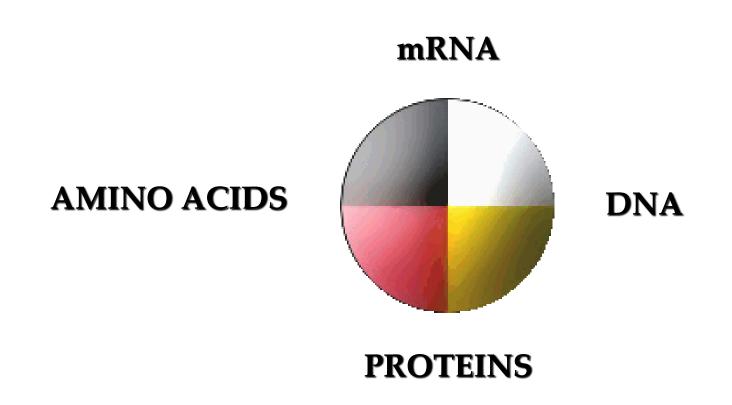


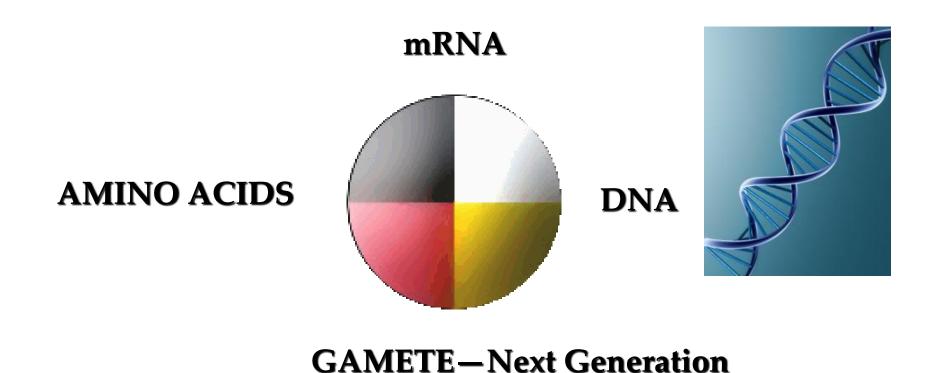
DECISIONS























Connectedness to both ancestry and to future generations (7th Generation)

Significant Challenges

Social Determinants

- Poverty
- Trauma
- Politics
- Inattention/Neglect
- Racism
- Inequity

Outcomes

- Health Disparities
- Education Inequality
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- Ongoing Racism
- Worsening Inequity
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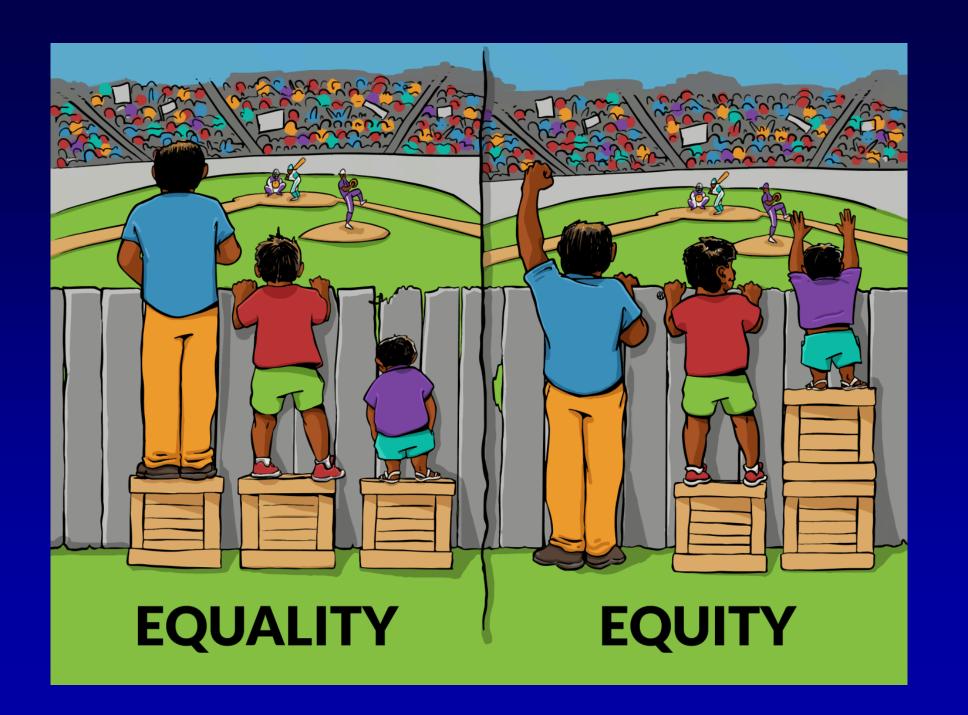
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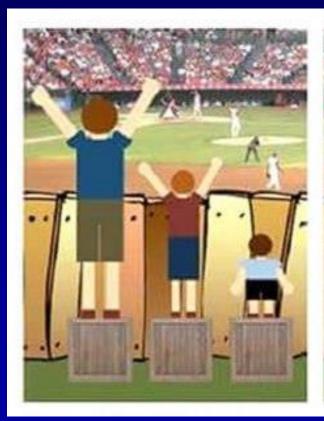
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Need to address *equity* in a comprehensive manner—medical, behavioral, public health...



Equality, Equity, Systemic Barriers







Blackfeet Saying

A child is sacred. And when that child comes into the home, the family must welcome it. And if the child is happy and feels the want, he will come into this world very, very strong. And not to know this is to know nothing.





